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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 July 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 5 and 10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee (WO 0021305).

Lee discloses a stereoscopic display system as shown in figure 2. Note the liquid crystal shutter glasses 14 having two liquid crystal shutters 12, polarizing film 16 located nearer to the eye, display device 10, and polarizing film 18 situated in front of the display device. The liquid crystal shutters act as active rotators by rotating the polarization of incoming light. Lee teaches that the disclosed system prevents flickering by removing polarizing film 2 shown in figure 1 (conventional art), and replacing it with polarizing film 18 shown in figure 2. See invention summary, page 2, lines 12-22. The liquid crystal shutters would inherently be configured to block polarized light in a first state and pass polarized light in a second state.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2-4, 6-9 and 11-13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (WO 0021305).

As to claims 2 and 11, Lee does not disclose that polarizing films 16 and 18 have polarization angles orthogonal to each other. However, Lee does disclose that polarizing films 2 and 3 in the conventional system (figure 1) are orthogonal to each other. See discussion of related art, page 1, lines 14-21. Lee shows that it was conventional to arrange the polarizing films surrounding the liquid crystal shutters in a stereoscopic display system to be orthogonal. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to arrange polarizing films 16 and 18 to be orthogonal to each other because this was a proven design for a stereoscopic display system.

As to claims 3, 4 and 7-9, Lee discloses a polarizing film 18 mounted on the screen of display device 10. See figure 2. Lee does not disclose the specific type of display device used in the system. However, direct view displays (CRT's or LCD's),

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front projection displays, and rear projection displays were all proven technologies and well known for being able to produce high quality images. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use one of the three above mentioned display types, because they were proven technologies and were well known for being able to produce high quality images.

As to claim 6, Lee does not disclose that polarizing film 18 (figure 2) is substantially identical to polarizing film 2 (figure 1). However, the two polarizing films substantially provide the same function within the optical path. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to make polarizing film 18 substantially identical to the polarizing film 2 because the two polarizing films provide the same function within the optical path.

As to claim 12, Lee discloses a stereoscopic display system as shown in figure 2. Note the liquid crystal shutter glasses 14 having two liquid crystal shutters 12, polarizing film 16 located nearer to the eye, display device 10, and polarizing film 18 situated in front of the display device. The liquid crystal shutters act as active rotators by rotating the polarization of incoming light. Lee teaches that the disclosed system prevents flickering by removing polarizing film 2 shown in figure 1 (conventional art), and replacing it with polarizing film 18 shown in figure 2. See invention summary, page 2, lines 12-22.

Lee does not disclose that polarizing films 16 and 18 have polarization angles orthogonal to each other. However, Lee does disclose that polarizing films 2 and 3 in the conventional system (figure 1) are orthogonal to each other. See discussion of related art, page 1, lines 14-21. Lee shows that it was conventional to arrange the polarizing films surrounding the liquid crystal shutters in a stereoscopic display system to be orthogonal. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to arrange polarizing films 16 and 18 to be orthogonal to each other because this was a proven design for a stereoscopic display system.

Lee discloses a polarizing film 18 mounted on the screen of display device 10. See figure 2. Lee does not disclose the specific type of display device used in the system. However, direct view displays (CRT's or LCD's), front projection displays, and rear projection displays were all proven technologies and well known for being able to produce high quality images. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use one of the three above mentioned display types, because they were proven technologies and were well known for being able to produce high quality images.

As to claim 13, Lee discloses a stereoscopic display system as shown in figure 2. Note the liquid crystal shutter glasses 14 having two liquid crystal shutters 12, polarizing film 16 located nearer to the eye, display device 10, and polarizing film 18 situated in front of the display device. The liquid crystal shutters act as active rotators by rotating the polarization of incoming light. Lee teaches that the disclosed system prevents

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flickering by removing polarizing film 2 shown in figure 1 (conventional art), and replacing it with polarizing film 18 shown in figure 2. See invention summary, page 2, lines 12-22.

Lee does not disclose that polarizing film 18 (figure 2) is substantially identical to polarizing film 2 (figure 1). However, the two polarizing films substantially provide the same function within the optical path. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to make polarizing film 18 substantially identical to the polarizing film 2 because the two polarizing films provide the same function within the optical path.

Lee discloses a polarizing film 18 mounted on the screen of display device 10. See figure 2. Lee does not disclose the specific type of display device used in the system. However, direct view displays (CRT's or LCD's), front projection displays, and rear projection displays were all proven technologies and well known for being able to produce high quality images. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use one of the three above mentioned display types, because they were proven technologies and were well known for being able to produce high quality images.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed July 15, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. A liquid crystal shutter is by nature configured to block polarized light in

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a first state and pass polarized light in a second state. Therefore, the liquid crystal shutter of Lee would inherently contain this feature.


Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Chung whose telephone number is (571) 272-2288. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

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